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I am writing as I am gravely concerned about the damage to our community and state by San Mateo County (actually all of California as a whole) response to COVID -19. It is destroying the lives of people, small businesses, children in our community. Unemployment is high...businesses are closing right and left....suicides and drug overdoses are at an all time high.

Having reviewed your agenda. I am surprised that your top priority is not to how to reopen our county as soon as possible, and help the small people and businesses in our community to get back on their feet so they can be self sufficient. In addition, given the science, the following flaws are apparent:

1). The PCR test is not able to determine how infectious a person is. In addition, while the accuracy Of PCR testing is questionable on its own, WITHOUT cycle thresholds being provided is grossly flawed and inaccurate. Cycle thresholds should be investigated to be sure that they are at a maximum of 25-35 cycles. Science has proven that anything beyond 35 amplification cycles is too sensitive, resulting in false positives. CDC calculations suggest that is extremely difficult to detect any live virus in a sample above the threshold of 33 cycles. Given this, all positive tests reported on San Mateo County Health's website should be reported with the amplification cycle threshold used for that specific test. In reality, any cycle thresholds over 35 should be disregarded. But at the very least show what cycle thresholds are used for tests that are reported positive.

2) Using Acute Hospital Bed as occupancy as a measure of hospital overload does not provide a valid measurement unless it is compared to acute care hospital bed occupancy from previous years. This is especially relevant since the majority of acute care hospital beds occupied in San Mateo County are from non-covid cases.

3) Covid mortality rates should distinguish if the individual passed "from COVID-19" or "with COVID-19". Both numbers should be reports. As should the primary cause of death if the patient passed "with covid-19"

If San Mateo County does not have correct data it is not able to make accurate determination as to the best course of action so I urge you to make these changes and open our county.

Thank you

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